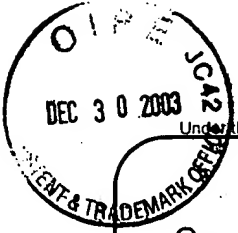


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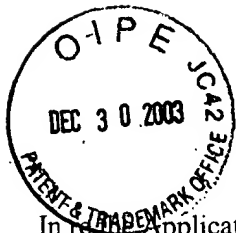
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2. Copy of *Amendment* filed September 30, 2003 in response to *Final Office Action* mailed July 19, 2003;
3. *Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a);*
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